

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE and amendment filed Mar 23, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
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  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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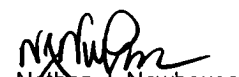
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

  
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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Curtis Dodd on May 20, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 8 "hunting equipment mount" has been replaced by --U-shaped hunting equipment mount at the center of the U-shaped mount--.

Claim 2, line 1 "the hunting" has been replaced by --the U-shaped hunting--.

Claim 2, line 2 "U-shaped and" has been deleted.

Claim 3, line 1 "the hunting" has been replaced by --the U-shaped hunting--.

Claim 4, line 1 "the hunting" has been replaced by --the U-shaped hunting--.

Claim 5, line 10 "hunting equipment mount" has been replaced by --U-shaped hunting equipment mount at the center at the center of the U-shaped mount--.

Claim 6, lines 1-2 "the hunting" has been replaced by --the U-shaped hunting--.

Claim 7, lines 1-2 "the hunting" has been replaced by --the U-shaped hunting--.

Claim 8, line 4 after "threaded shaft", the following has been inserted: --at the center at the center of the U-shaped mount--.

Claim 11 has been canceled.

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Thaxton teaches an adjustable u-shaped mount to hold a light, a u-shaped clamp and a pivot arrangement therebetween. Thaxton does not teach the particular pivot arrangements recited, the shaft having a ball and attachment nut on each end to be held in a seat on the u-shaped mount and clamp. It is unclear how the u-shaped mount could be modified to have a threaded shaft with a seat to receive one ball of the shaft to provide a pivot as the adjustment means of the u-shaped mount would interfere.

Chen, Siegel and Marks teach the particular pivot arrangement, the shaft having a ball and attachment nut that is received in a seat to provide a universal pivot, but these references lack the other features recited.

Gillaspy teaches a u-shaped mount, but does not teach the ball type pivot arrangement or the clamp secured by a bolt and nut.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan J. Newhouse whose telephone number is (703)-308-4158. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lee W. Young can be reached on (703)-308-2572. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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